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30 September 2009

Macquarie Harbour Mining Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Macquarie Harbour Mining Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Friday 2 October 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Mr Ong

Macquarie Harbour Mining Limited (MHM) - Request for Trading Halt

Macquarie Harbour Mining Limited ("MHM" or "the Company") requests an immediate trading halt of its securities pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1.

The Company is seeking a trading halt pending an announcement in response to an article printed in the Mercury Newspaper on 30 September 2009 concerning a proposal to develop a silicon smelter in Tasmania and associated mineral off take from the Company.

MHM can see no reason why a trading halt should not be granted or of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt,

Yours sincerely

Ben Mead

Company Secretary